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SUBJECT: JCCIA DISCUSSES MIAS, REFUGEES, THAKHEK SITUATION, ETC.

1. AT PRESS CONFERENCE FEBRUARY 13, VIENTIANE SIDE ACTING
SPOKESMAN COLONEL ARYA PHIMMASONE STATED THAT JOINT CENTRAL
COMMISSION TO IMPLEMENT THE AGREEMENT (JCCIA) HAD DISCUSSED
FOLLOWING MAJOR TOPICS AT ITS WEEKLY MEETING.

2. DEMARCATION POINTS: TWO SIDES DISCUSSED SENDING
MOBILE TEAM TO KHOUAN SONG HONG AND KOUAN PHA VONG AREAS
OF KHAMMOUANE PROVINCE. THEY ALSO NOTED THAT SITUATION
IN PHOU SOUNG/NANAN AREA OF XIENG KHOUANG PROVINCE AREA
REMAINS UNSETTLED.

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3. JCCIA TEAM TO THAKHEK: TWO SIDES AGREED TO SEND TEAM TO THAKHEK, LED BY COLONELS PRADITH THIENGTHAM (PATHET LAO) AND LOUN SISOUNOL (VIENTIANE SIDE), TO INVESTIGATE SITUATION THERE.

4. REFUGEES: PROGRESS IS BEING MADE IN REFUGEE FIELD. WHILE RED CROSS HAS YET TO TAKE PART IN RESETTLEMENT EFFORT, IT MIGHT STILL BE POSSIBLE TO ARRANGE FOR RED CROSS ASSISTANCE.

5. WITHDRAWAL OF FOREIGN TROOPS: COLONEL LOUN PROPOSED THAT A COMMITTEE BE ESTABLISHED TO INVESTIGATE ALLEGATIONS OF FOREIGN TROOP PRESENCE IN EITHER ZONE. HE SAID THAT LUANG PRABANG AND VIENTIANE COULD BE CHECKED FIRST BEFORE PERHAPS MOVING INTO "LIBERATED AREA." LPF REACTED COOLLY TO HIS IDEA, ALTHOUGH THEY APPARENTLY DID NOT DISMISS IT COMPLETELY.

6. MIAS: ARYA STATED THAT HE HAD TOLD HIS LPF COUNTERPART, COLONEL PHAO BOUNNAPHOL, THAT VIENTIANE SIDE WANTS TO KNOW IF ANY MIAS ARE BEING HELD BY PATHET LAO. PHAO REPLIED THAT ALL MIAS HAVE BEEN RELEASED. VIENTIANE SIDE PROPOSED THAT FOREIGNERS BE ALLOWED TO VISIT SITES OF CRASHES AND SUSPECTED REMAINS. LPF REJECTED THIS IDEA CATEGORICALLY, SAYING THAT SUCH VISITS WOULD BE VIOLATION OF TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY.

7. VIETNAMESE ENCROACHMENT INTO LAO TERRITORY: BOTH SIDES AGREED TO ASK MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND THEN THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE EMBASSY WHETHER THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENT RECOGNIZES THAT THEIR FORCES ENCROACHED INTO LAO TERRITORY RECENTLY.

8. PATHET LAO PARTICIPATION IN ARMY DAY: VIENTIANE SIDE NOTED THAT PRIME MINISTER SOUVANNA WISHES TO KNOW IF PATHET LAO WANT TO PARTICIPATE IN ARMY DAY CELEBRATIONS ON MARCH 23. LPF REPLIED THEY WOULD TAKE THIS MATTER UNDER ADVISEMENT.

9. MOBILE TEAM TO PAK KADING AREA: BOTH SIDES AGREED
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THAT A MOBILE TEAM SHOULD BE SENT TO ROUTE 13 BETWEEN PAKADING AND THAKHEK WITH GOAL OF OPENING ROAD.
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